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WHILE LIFE FLOURISHES IN THE METROPOLIS THAT IS NEW YORK CITY, DEEP BELOW ITS DARK CRUST ARE BURIED MANY RIDDLES.

ONE SUCH RIDDLE IS A PLACE THOUSANDS COME TO, BUT FEW SEE. THE NYPD MORGUE.

THOUGH THE ROOM IS CROWDED WITH PEOPLE, THERE IS BUT ONE PERSON AWARE OF IT. BUT THAT CHANGES WITH THE ARRIVAL OF...

DETECTIVE MAZA!

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HEY! I THOUGHT WE WERE ON A *FIRST NAME BASIS.*

SORRY! JUST BEING *FORMAL* SINCE YOU'RE HERE ON BUSINESS, *RIGHT?*

HEARD YOU WERE IN *QUITE* THE FIREFIGHT IN CHINATOWN LAST NIGHT!

YEAH, *THIS* STINKER HAD *ME DEAD* IN HIS *SIGHTS.* GOOD THING HIS GUN *JAMMED!*

THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT *NOW!*

THIS TRIAD GANG IS GETTING *BOLDER* ALL THE TIME! NOT CONTENT WITH CONTROLLING 90% OF *ASIA,* THEY'VE GOT TO COME TO *NEW YORK* TO CAUSE TROUBLE!

I HEAR THEY FIGHT WITH A FERVOR WORTHY OF A RELIGIOUS CRUSADE!

IT'S *TRUE!* BUT WE *HAVE* CAPTURED A GANG MEMBER AND WE'RE *HOPING* HE'LL *TALK!*

YOU HAD TO *SHOOT* HIM?

NO! THAT'S THE *THING!* I WAS *CUFFING* HIM WHEN ONE OF HIS *OWN* GANG *SHOT* HIM! I GUESS THEY DIDN'T WANT HIM TO *TALK!*

GOOD LUCK... YOU'LL *NEED* IT! BY THE WAY, DIDN'T I SEE YOU AT A CERTAIN *GREASY SPOON* THE OTHER NIGHT?

GUILTY AS *CHARGED!* I WAS GONNA SAY *HI,* BUT YOU SEEMED, ER, *BUSY* WITH SOME *CHICK!*

"CHICK"?

THAT WAS NO *CHICK.* THAT WAS *MY STEPSISTER,* COLLEEN!

OH! ER, UH...

AND IN CHINATOWN, AT AN ODD BUILDING ORNAMENTED BY AN ORIENTAL MOTIF...

<AGGGH! NO, MISTRESS! MERCY! NO MOR---->*

KRAACK!

*TRANSLATED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE FROM MANDARIN. -- MULTILINGUAL MESNIK

U-UHHHHH

<FOOL! THE TRIAD IS A SECRET ORGANIZATION! WE DO NOT HAVE BATTLES IN PUBLIC WITH THE LOCAL POLICE!>

<SINCE YOU WERE TEAM LEADER ON THAT BUNGLED RAID LAST NIGHT, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE AND WILL TAKE YOUR PUNISHMENT IN THE SPIRIT EXPECTED!>

<YOU HAVE DISRESPECTED YOUR ANCESTORS AND THE WINGED ONE WITH YOUR FAILURE... AND YOU KNOW THE PENALTY!>

<EVEN WORSE, YOU LET A MEMBER GET CAPTURED BY THE POLICE... ALIVE! COULD YOU BE ANY MORE OF A DOLT?!>

<M-MISTRESS, I-- >

<SHUT UP! CHAN, WOO... TAKE THIS REFUSE AWAY AND DISPOSE OF IT!>

<AND WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THAT, CHAN, SEE TO IT THAT THE CAPTURED ONE IS SILENCED!>

<I WILL NOT FAIL, MISTRESS!>

HOURS LATER AT THE 23RD PRECINCT, ELISA AND MATT BLUESTONE ARE STILL AT WORK, ATTEMPTING TO GRILL THE APPREHENDED TRIAD MEMBER.

THIS IS GETTING US NO-WHERE! HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND US AT ALL!

YEAH, I BET! WE KNOW THE TRIAD DOESN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF THE COMMUNISTS TAKING OVER HONG KONG IN 1997 AND THEY'VE EXPANDED THEIR OPERATIONS TO OUR LITTLE CITY.

HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE SAYING AND I'M GONNA STAY ON HIM TILL HE CRACKS!

SHEESH! AND I THOUGHT I WAS THE CONSPIRACY NUT! I'M GONNA SEE IF THAT TRANSLATOR'S HERE YET... AND GET SOME COFFEE.

<MAKE MINE WITH CREAM, NO SUGAR... PIG!>

OKAY, CHUM, WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

THERE'S MORE TO THE TRIAD THAN JUST ITS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. IS IT A CULT? WHAT'S ITS NEXT STEP?

<NOTHING CAN MAKE ME TALK, FEMALE DOG! ONE SUCH AS YOU COULD NOT FATHOM THE SIGNIFICANCE OF...>

<...THE WINGED ONE!>

BUT ELISA IS VERY AWARE OF SOME SIGNIFICANT "WINGED ONES". THEIR LEADER, GOLIATH, STANDS ACROSS FROM THE PRECINCT, SURVEYING THE MAN-MADE CANYONS BEFORE HIM.

THE OTHERS ARE OUT CAVORTING, HAVING A RARE MOMENT OF FUN. THEY DESERVE IT AFTER THEIR TRAVAILS WITH THE PACK!*

HMM. THIS STORM IS COMING FROM THE ATLANTIC AND LOOKS LIKE IT'S GETTING MORE VICIOUS. I'M SURE HUDSON WILL REC-- EH?

*AS SEEN IN EXCITING, FOUR-COLOR ACTION IN GARGOYLES #7 & #8. -- HILDY

THAT FIGURE, SCALING THE POLICE BUILDING! IT MOVES LIKE A *SHADOW!*

EXCUSE ME, DO YOU HAVE A *GOOD REASON* FOR BEING OUT HERE?

<THERE IS MY PREY, BUT HE IS *NOT* ALONE. NO MATTER. HE CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO *LIVE* AND *TALK!*>

I KNOW HOW "WELL" YOUR GROUP *TREATS* ITS MEMBERS. DON'T YOU *FEAR* FOR YOUR *LIFE?*

GAH!

<WHEN I PASS ON, THERE WILL BE *OTHER* GLORIES IN STORE FOR ME!>

BIP BIP BIP

10:10

<TEN SECONDS SHOULD BE *AMPLE* TIME FOR ME TO *ESCA---*>

<BY ALL THAT'S *HOLY!* A DIFFERENT WINGED ONE!>

<MUCH APOLOGIES, WINGED ONE, BUT I AM *SWORN* TO COMPLETE MY MISSION! *AWAY FROM ME!*>

VIZZ

VIZZ

VIZZ

I CAN *EASILY* EVADE HIS *FLYING BLADES*...

... IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE *MEANT* TO MISS ME!

BA-BA-

SEEMS TO BE SOME *YELLING* OUTSIDE... IN *CHINESE!* LOOKS LIKE YOUR *BUDDIES* ARE HERE!

HEY! WHAT'S THAT *THING* ON THE *WINDOW?*

A BOMB! GET DOWN!

OOOFF!

KRASH!

BOOM!

I'LL TRY AND *RETURN* THE FAVOR BY SAVING *HIM!*

ARR! WHAT MADNESS!

<AT *LAST* MY FINAL REWARD!>

UGH! GOT HIM!

<I CAN-NOT ALLOW MYSELF TO BE *CAPTURED.* NOT EVEN BY *YOU!*>

FRRASSH

HE ACTUALLY DROVE ME FROM THE EXPLOSION AND SAVED *MY LIFE!* WHAT *IS* THIS?!

<FORGIVE ME, GREAT ONE!>

NOW, YOU JUST GET COMFY HERE WHILE I FIND OUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED!

ELISA! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YES, THANKS TO YOU, I WOULD GUESS!

CAN IT BE? A-ANOTHER WINGED ONE?!

A MAN IN BLACK SET AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE OUTSIDE THIS WINDOW... OR WHERE THE WINDOW WAS! THEN I TRIED TO STOP HIS FALL AND HE WOULDN'T LET ME!

WELCOME TO THE WACKY WORLD OF THE TRIAD! THEY'VE GOT A REAL ATTITUDE ABOUT BEING CAUGHT!

THIS JOKER WAS A MEMBER AND IS NOW A TARGET!

OH! SO YOU CAN SPEAK ENGLISH AFTER ALL!

YES! YES!! I'LL TELL ALL! I'M IN NO HURRY TO REACH ETERNAL GLORY!

BAM BAM

GOOD! OOPS, HERE COMES THE CAVALRY! YOU BETTER CATCH AIR AND WE'LL TALK LATER!

LET US.

AS LONG AS I'LL LIVE, I'LL NEVER QUITE UNDERSTAND HUMANS AND THEIR ACTIONS!

YOUR CAPTIVE'S COMMENTS ON ME BEING "ANOTHER WINGED ONE" MAKES ME THINK SOMEONE WE KNOW IS INVOLVED WITH THIS TRIAD...

... DEMONA!

AND AT THAT MOMENT, IN A HALL PUNGENT WITH INCENSE, TRIAD MEMBERS BOW IN SUPPLICATION TO THEIR LIVING GODDESS... DEMONA!

THESE FOOLS SUIT MY PURPOSES PERFECTLY.

WITH THEIR WEAPONS, CONNECTIONS AND SHEER NUMBER ALONE I WOULD BE GRATIFIED. BUT THERE'S ALSO THE EGG!

<BOW DEEP; GRATEFUL THAT WE ARE FORTUNATE TO WITNESS THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR LONG-FORETOLD DESTINY!>

<ANCIENT PROPHECIES TOLD US THAT THE WINGED ONE WOULD RETURN FOR WHAT WAS THEIRS... AND HERALD IN A NEW ERA OF ENLIGHTENMENT!>

<NOW BRING IN WHAT IS DEMONA'S BY BIRTHRIGHT! BRING IN...?

<... THE EGG!>

AHHH! THIS EGG WILL INDEED USHER IN A NEW ERA, AND BIRTH A NEW GARGOYLE!

ONE TO MOLD IN MY OWN FASHION!

<OUR SACRED SCROLL, PASSED THROUGH THE AGES ALONG WITH THE EGG, READS:>

<"KNOW THAT WHEN THE WINGED ONE MAKES ITSELF KNOWN TO THE CHOSEN, THE VERY COSMOS WILL BE IN ALIGNMENT, UNIQUE TO THAT MILLENNIUM.">

<"AND ON THAT PRESCRIBED NIGHT, A NEW WINGED ONE WILL BE BORN!">

<OUR ELDERS TELL US THAT SACRED NIGHT... IS TOMORROW!>

I HOPE IT'S A GIRL!

WITH A LITTLE GARGOYLE UNDER MY WING, SHE CAN AID ME IN THE COMPLETE SUB-JUGATION OF THE HUMAN RACE!

AND THE TRIAD CAN BE BETRAYED AT MY CONVENIENCE!

AN OMINOUS RIPPLE OF THUNDER RUMBLES ACROSS THE CITY AS ELISA ARRIVES AT THE CLOCK TOWER...

YOUR TIMELY ARRIVAL SAVED MY SKIN, GOLIATH... AND THAT OF A SUDDENLY TALKATIVE STOOLIE!

OOH, BRONX! HAPPY TO SEE ME?

WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED SHE IS IN LEAGUE WITH A LEGION OF MURDEROUS CULT MEMBERS?

AND YOU WERE RIGHT. DEMONA IS INVOLVED WITH THE TRIAD!

SHE FITS INTO SOME PROPHECIES ABOUT A "WINGED ONE" THAT WILL BIRTH SOME NEW AGE FOR THE TRIAD.

BRONX IS SUCH A GOOD BOY!

THEY'RE HAVING A CEREMONY AT A PLACE SO SECRET, EVEN OUR SQUEALER DIDN'T KNOW WHERE IT WAS.

DO YOU KNOW THEIR NEXT MOVE?

TAP TAP TAP

NO. I'M AFRAID WE CAN ONLY HOPE TO FIND THEM BEFORE THEY HATCH THEIR SCHEME.

THE NEXT DAY MELTS TO DUSK AND THE WEATHER'S VIOLENCE GROWS...

NO WORD OF TRIAD ACTIVITY ALL DAY. I SHOULD BE GLAD, BUT THEY'RE PROBABLY COOKING UP SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS.

HOPEFULLY THIS STORM WILL DISSUADE THEM FROM--

HEY, IF YOU'RE NOT UP TO ANYTHING, FEEL LIKE GRABBING SOME SZECHUAN FOOD?

NAH, I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE ANY CHINESE TONIGHT.

BESIDES, I'VE GOT TO HOOK UP WITH SOME... FRIENDS.

ELISA!

I THOUGHT I MIGHT SEE YOU HERE. I JUST DUMPED OFF SOME FILES, SO I'M OFFICIALLY OFF WORK NOW.

ME, TOO. NICE WEATHER, HUH?

AW, I KINDA LIKE IT!

BUT I'LL TAKE A, ER, RAIN CHECK!

YEAH, MAYBE. OKAY. LATER!

MAN, THAT WAS STUPID OF ME! WHY WOULD SHE GO OUT WITH ME?

A GREAT WOMAN LIKE THAT MUST HAVE TONS OF COOL FRIENDS ON TAP!

MAYBE I SHOULD'VE GONE. I DON'T GET A CHANCE TO GO OUT MUCH, BUT...

K-K-KRACK

KK-BOOM

I HOPE THIS TEMPEST WILL NAY AFFECT THE TV RECEPTION!

YAWN! WHAT'S FOR GRUB? I'M STARVING!

NUTS! IT'S STILL RAINING! WITH LIGHTNING YET!

RURRF?

WHAT IS IT, BRONX? IS SOMEONE THERE?

JUST ME! AND I HAVE A TREAT FOR YOU, BRONX!

HEY, WHAT ABOUT ME?

SORRY, BROADWAY!

KRAK-A KRRAK

WHAT YA GOT THERE, ELISA?

HI, LEX! I BROUGHT MY POLICE RADIO WITH ME.

THERE HASN'T BEEN A PEEP FROM THE TRIAD ALL DAY, AND THAT'S SUSPICIOUS. THEY COULD STRIKE ANYTIME...

... BUT WHERE?

<LOADING DOCK SECURED, UNIT LEADER!>

<NOT SATISFACTORY. IT TOOK 3 SECONDS LONGER THAN TIMED. GET THE EGG TO THE OBSERVATORY IN THE FREIGHT ELEVATOR.>

<YES, SIR!>

WELCOME TO THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING OBSERVATION DECK!

HMMPH!

USUALLY, YOU CAN SEE FOR *MILES* IN *EVERY* DIRECTION, BUT BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER WE CAN *BARELY* SEE OUT THE WINDOWS.

ONE SO UNANOINTED CANNOT APPRECIATE THAT THIS STORM IS PRE-ORDAINED.

IF ALL IS ON SCHEDULE, THE BUILDING IS *COMPLETELY* SEALED OFF AND IT IS TIME FOR DEMONA TO *ACT!*

CAR 66, RESPOND TO REPORT OF SUSPICIOUS FIGURES AT E.S.B. ON 33RD STREET LOADING DOCK. PROCEED WITH CAUTION AS E.S.B. SECURITY DOESN'T RESP—

SQWAK

WHAT? IT'S GONE DEAD!

... WE'LL RETURN TO OUR JUDY GARLAND EXTRAVAGANZA AFTER A WORD FR—

FZZT

AW, NO! DON'T GO OUT ON ME DURING JUDY!

... SO, DOCTOR, YOU THINK IT'S ALL RIGHT IF MY LOVER WANTS TO USE—

KRZZZT

D'OH! STUPID RADIO!

... SO BE SURE TO AVOID THE FIVE CAR PILE-UP BY GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE AT TH—

BZZZT

HONK

BEE-BEEP

TOOT

... STOCKS WERE UP TODAY, WITH A SURPRISE SHOWING OF XANATOS STOCK WHICH SA—

WZZT

OH, NO! THAT'S *MY* STOCK! *WHAT HAPPENED?!*

SKRRAAK FZZWAAP

THIS ANTENNA MAKES A GOOD LIGHTNING ROD...

THAT'S IT! C'MON, GUYS!

A DEAD RADIO AFTER A REPORT ABOUT THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WAS TOO COINCIDENTAL!

THE ANTENNA THERE RELAYS MOST TV AND RADIO SIGNALS IN THE TRI-STATE AREAS. WITHOUT IT, THE CITY'S CRIPPLED!

LET'S CHECK IT OUT!

RRURRF?

SORRY, BRONX. YOU CAN'T COME WITH US! BUT I'LL BRING BURGERS BACK FOR BOTH OF US!

COME ON, BROADWAY!

STAY CLOSE! VISIBILITY IS MINIMAL AND THE WINDS ARE HARD TO NEGOTIATE!

HRRM?

... BUT IT MAY DISTRACT THE BOLT NEEDED TO AID IN THE HATCHING.

DESTRUCTION... I LOVE IT!

HAHAHA!

BA-BA-BOOM

OOH, THAT WAS A NASTY BOLT, WASN'T IT?

NOW, IF WE COULD SEE OUT THE WINDOWS, QUEENS WOULD BE OVER THERE!

ARE WE ALLOWED TO GO OUT ON THE OBSERVATION DECK?

OH, NO! I'M AFRAID THE STORM AND WINDS ARE TOO DANGEROUS!

WE ASKED YOU NICELY ... BUT WE'LL DO IT ANYWAY!

OH, DEAR!

EVERYONE THAT DOESN'T WANT TO BE SLICED OR SHOT... MOVE AWAY!

<YOU TWO, PREPARE THE EGG! >

<YES, WINGED ONE!>

S-KREE HH

THERE'S THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING AHEAD... I THINK!

I CAN BARELY MAKE IT OUT THROUGH THE RAIN!

OCH! I THOUGHT WE HAD BAD WEATHER IN OUR NATIVE LAND, BUT THIS...!

LOOKS LIKE WE WERE *RIGHT!* GUNMEN ARE HOLDING POLICE OFF AT THE LOBBY! THOSE COPS ARE *HELPLESS* WITHOUT RADIO SUPPORT!

BAM BAM KA-PWEENG

THEN IT'S UP TO *US!* WE CAN--

WHOA!

WOOOOSSHH!

OUCH!

SHRIEK!

HE GOT CAUGHT IN AN *UPDRAFT!*

THESE WINDS ARE *MUCH* TOO TREACHEROUS TO NAVIGATE! WE'LL HAVE TO *CLIMB* THE REST OF THE WAY!

I'M BETTING THEY'RE UP ON THE *OBSERVATION DECK.* I'LL TAKE THE *STAIRS!*

BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET IN?

DUH-DID YOU *SEE* THAT? THE BUILDING JUST CAME UP AND *SMACKED* ME! DON'T WORRY, I'M OKAY! BUT, *OW!!*

A SIMPLE MATTER... WATCH OUT FOR BROKEN GLASS!

KREESH

CAREFUL, ELISA. WE'RE DEALING WITH *HIGHLY SKILLED KILLERS!*

NINJAS! FROM OUT OF *NOWHERE!*

AND GOLIATH'S TOO HIGH UP TO *HEAR US!* *URK!!*

HEY, *NO PROBLEM!* I'M A *NEW YORK* COP. I'M *USED* TO HIGHLY SKILLED KILLERS! MEET YOU AT THE 86TH FLOOR!

BOY! I WISH I WAS AS CONFIDENT AS I *SOUND!* WE'RE IN FOR A BIG SCRAP!

BE AWARE! AN ATTACK COULD COME FROM ANY-WHERE!

EVEN IN A *STORM,* OUTSIDE THE *33RD FLOOR?!*

AYE, LAD. EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME TO *ALWAYS* EXPECT THE UNEXPECT--

OOF!!

THWAK

HUDSON!

YIPES!

<THE MISTRESS, IN HER INFINITE WISDOM, WAS VERY PRUDENT TO HAVE ME STATIONED HERE TO STOP INTERLOPERS!>

PUFF PUFF

PHEW! GUESS I WON'T HAVE TO USE THE STAIRMASTER AT THE GYM THIS WEEK!

<DIE, INFIDEL!>

OOF!!

YEAH, WHATEVER YOU SAID, BUT...

... I'M BETTING YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS BETTER THAN ANY OF YOUR FANCY FOOTWORK!

YO, GOLIATH!!

ACCK! HE STILL CAN'T HEAR US OVER THE STORM!

IT'S UP TO US TO PUT THESE PAJAMA PEOPLE TO SLEEP!

KRUNCH

MY GUT MAY LOOK SOFT, BUT IT'S ALL MUSCLE, BUDDY!

BAM!

OOK!

I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND, LEX... ACTUALLY TWO HANDS, A COUPLE OF LEGS AND A WHOLE BODY!

AIIEEE!

WHUMP

DAI-EEE!

OOH! GOOD THING THEY LANDED ON THE LEDGE BELOW!

SHEESH! THAT HADDA HURT! I WONDER WHERE HUDSON IS?

LET'S LOOK FOR HIM AND CATCH UP WITH GOLIATH!

BROOKLYN! LOOK OUT!!

VOOOOSH

VWOOSSSH

THWAK

HUDSON!!

A WORD TO THE *WISE*, LADDIE: IN BATTLE, *ALWAYS* WATCH YOUR *BACK!*

CRASH!!

HIS *MOMENTUM* SENT THEM THROUGH THE *WINDOW!*

HUDSON! ARE YOU *OKAY?*

MOST ASSUREDLY. THOUGH I CANNA SAY THE *SAME* FOR OUR *FRIEND!*

NOW LET US *HURRY* AND CATCH UP WITH *GOLIATH!*

OUR WORST FEARS ARE *REALIZED!* DEMONA HAS *ALLIED* WITH THE TRIAD!

THE OTHERS MUST BE RIGHT BEHIND ME, BUT I CAN'T HEAR OR SEE THEM THROUGH THIS *SQUALL!*

"... I FEEL *SORRY* FOR THEM!"

MMPHHH!

I HOPE ELISA'S DOING OKAY! IF SHE MEETS UP WITH THOSE NINJAS...

... AFTER I READ THE SCARED TEXT, THE AERIAL WILL ATTRACT THE LIFE-GIVING LIGHTNING BOLT TO THE EGG!

DEMONA!!

WELL, WELL. GOLIATH! I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU WOULD SHOW UP AND TRY TO SPOIL OUR PARTY!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO THIS TIME, BUT YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

OH, I THINK I WILL GET AWAY WITH IT...

... UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF SEVERAL INNOCENT TOURISTS!

BESIDES, YOU HAVE NO CONCEPT OF WHAT'S REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN HERE!

PERHAPS IF YOU DID, YOU WOULD EVEN HELP ME! THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT NOW...

... BUT THERE IS TIME ENOUGH TO KILL YOU!!

YOU MUST NOT THINK MUCH OF ME IF, AFTER ALL THIS TIME...

UNHF!

... YOU'D ASSUME I'D EVER HELP YOU IN YOUR MAD SCHEMES!

NO ONE, NOT EVEN A WINGED ONE, CAN DO THAT TO OUR GODDESS... AND LIVE!

OH, QUIET DOWN!

A WARRIOR DARES APP--- OH!!!

TWOK

WHADDYA KNOW? MADAME KUNG FU HAS A GLASS JAW!

TH-THE SACRED SCROLL!

W-WITHOUT IT, WE CAN'T COMPLETE THE CEREMONY!

I'VE ALMOST GOT IT!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!

NO! YOU CRETIN!

YOU'VE MADE ME LOSE THE SCROLL!

SO, WILL YOU SURRENDER *PEACEABLY*, OR SHOULD I LET THE GUYS *BEHIND* YOU TAKE CARE OF YOU?

KOW KOW

CHUNG CHUNG

AIEEEEE

DO YOU THINK WE'D FALL FOR THAT OLD GAG?!

THUMP

OH, YOU'RE *FALLING* FOR IT, ALL RIGHT!

THWAK

WUMPF

ARRRR!

ALL OUR PLANS HAVE BEEN *DESTROYED!*

AKAKA.

I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU, GOLIATH! THIS ENDS NOW!

BOOM

FRRRZZZ

FRAA

DEMONA, ARE YOU---

BACK OFF! YOU'VE RUINED EVERYTHING!!

WHILE THEY'RE ALL DIS-TRACTED...

... I'LL TAKE THE EGG...

... AND SECURE IT FOR THAT DAY IN THE FUTURE!

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE! IMBECILE!

YOU'VE DESTROYED OUR ONE CHANCE TO BRING A NEW GARGOYLE TO LIFE!

AND KNOW, GOLIATH, THAT IT'S ON YOUR HEAD!

BECAUSE OF YOUR BLUNDER, OUR ONCE MIGHTY RACE IS STILL LIMITED TO ME AND YOU WEAKLINGS!

THIS COULD HAVE BEEN OUR CHANCE TO START A NEW BREED OF INVINCIBLE WARRIORS. BUT YOU SPOILED IT COMPLETELY!

BE CAREFUL--

DEMONA!

AAEE!!

THEY WERE TRYING TO BIRTH A NEW GARGOYLE?!

AND I... I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR TERMINATING IT?! NO!! DEMONA! COME BACK! I MUST--

AIIEEE!!

EXCUSE ME FOR SCREAMING! I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE HOW FUN NEW YORK IS!

AND MY HUSBAND WANTED TO GO TO EURO-DISNEY THIS YEAR!

I KNEW THE CHRYSLER BUILDING HAD GARGOYLES... BUT, HERE?!

EASY, LAD...

... THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD HAVE SEEN IT WAS A GARGOYLE EGG THROUGH THIS STORM!

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP OVER THIS, GOLIATH!

YOU KNOW WE DID THE ONLY THING WE COULD! A YOUNG GARGOYLE UNDER DEMONA'S TUTELAGE WOULD ONLY BE TROUBLE FOR THE FUTURE!

WH-WHO CAN REALLY SAY?

WA-SHRAMM

AS THE GARGOYLES RETURN TO THEIR ROOST, THEY ARE SILENT...

GOLIATH THINKS ABOUT HIS PAST, ABOUT DEMONA... AND ANOTHER GARGOYLE THAT HAD BEEN BIRTHED YEARS BEFORE...

AND HE DWELLS ON THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE FACING THE BREED KNOWN AS... GARGOYLES!

NEXT MONTH: SHIELD OR SHAME?

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Please include your name, age, and address, though we will gladly withhold that information upon request.
HILDY MESNIK — Editor

Dear Gargoyles Folks,

I love your comic book! It is the first comic I have really gotten into. I have every issue and just finished reading #6. Amanda Conner is a great artist. Would you like to know how I got into your comics? Okay - it was a dark and stormy night. (Really it was!) My family and I ate pizza and went to Media Play afterwards. I was walking by the comics when I saw a big, purple shiny thing. I took a closer look and said, "A Gargoyles book! Neato!" So I have gotten every one ever since. Keep up the good work!

Griffin Van Malssen, 10
Charlotte, NC

Thanks for being a dedicated reader, Griffin! We look forward to being around for a long time! And if you're partial to dark and stormy nights, this issue is full of them!

Holy Continuity Crisis, Hildy!

Just where were your minds at while you were doing issue #6? The first error is that Brooklyn and Lexington were back in their old clothes. When exactly did they find the time to change from shorts (which I really liked on Brooklyn) from the loincloths they were wearing during heated battle back in issue #5? In issue #5, Venus is more like Goliath's color and has four fingers per hand but in issue #6, she is tan with five fingers per hand!

Please don't take all this the wrong way, but I'm a fan to the extent that stuff like this just really miffs me to the max. By the way, despite the above problems, you produce a great comic book!

Mary Brouse, 16
Lexington, KY

We like hearing from our readers, even when they're picking out boo-boos we've made! Would ya believe, between GARGOYLES #5 & 6, there was an untold story where the Gargoyles were transported to another dimension and changed their clothes while Venus got a new finger and recoloration? No? Well, you can't blame us for trying!

Dear Written in Stone,

I have just come from Lerwik, Scotland. Everything is backwards here, even the lanes people drive in, not to mention the electrical sockets. I can't even plug in my hair dryer (grin)! One of my newly-met friends informed me of a certain comic by the name of GARGOYLES. It took me quite a while to find it, though in all I would say it was worth the trouble.

Having seen the animated series, I can proudly say I support your effort all the way and back again. I want to wish you all good luck and thanks for making my stay in America worth my while!

Neetra Reynolds, 17
Philadelphia, PA

P.S. Going hang-gliding with some friends, wish me luck so I don't fly into any trees!

Let's see. You come from Scotland, you have long hair and you hang-glide... Are you one of the missing Gargoyles, Neetra?

Dear Written in Stone,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for coming out with a GARGOYLES comic! I've been with you since the first issue and haven't missed one yet, probably because all of you people behind the comic do such a superb job.

My favorite Gargoyle is Broadway and I really like the way you showed him in issue #4, Blood From a Stone. At the very end, my eyes were brimming with tears. I read it again and again and again. Apart from Sergio Aragones' GROO THE WANDERER, you guys publish the only comic I read over and over again.

Molly Hill, 14
Forest Grove, OR

Thanks for the compliments, Molly! But oops, we don't publish GROO anymore. Why don't you try some other Marvel-Disney titles? You'll be glad you did!

Dear Marvel Comics,

I have one word for your comic - outstanding. I have all the GARGOYLES comics, trading cards, and never miss an episode on TV. Are there any new TV episodes? Can you please send me a picture of Goliath?

James Macri
Meriden, CT

There will be new episodes of GARGOYLES on TV this fall, and it'll be on *four days* a week; not just Fridays! Disney has some real neat twists and turns planned on the new episodes, too. Sorry, we don't have any GARGOYLES pictures to send out. Aren't there enough pictures of Goliath in every issue?!

Dear Gargoyles,

Wind washes around the statue,
A gargoyle made of stone.
It sits through the sunlit day
Waiting for the day to be gone.

As the sun sets so goes the stone.
From stone it transforms
Into living flesh and bone.

Guardians of the night,
Defenders of the right.
They are
Gargoyles!

Jessica Brimer
Quebeck, TN

Hey, who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Poetry? Thanks for your cool verse, Jessica.

Dear Gargoyles,

If I thought the cartoon was good, I nearly died when I saw the comic! You guys did a great job! Thanks a lot for this column of light, it keeps my spirits from sinking when I'm depressed. Am I getting too mushy? Sorry!

Absolutely fabulous work, people. Thanks!

Becky "Dragonwing" Richards, 15
Granada Hills, CA

No, thank *you*, "Dragonwing". It means a lot to all the creative people on this book that you enjoy GARGOYLES so much. And check out our subscription form if you'd like to get this "column of light" delivered to your home each month!

Dear Written in Stone,

Hi, my name is April Gist (Grape Ape for short!). I am 12-years-old and love the Gargoyles. I saw the Gargoyles video and couldn't believe how real the comics looked! But alas (I gotta stop reading that romance stuff - ha ha) I only saw the movie 'cause my stuck-in-the-'70's parents won't get cable. Brooklyn and Lexington are my favorite Gargoyles. Gotta go.

April Gist, 12
Anson, TX

P.S. I didn't mean that about my parents!

Luckily, the Gargoyles animated TV series is on regular television so you won't miss a single episode this fall! Thanks for the cool picture of you and your cat, April!

NEXT MONTH:

Ever wonder how Elisa earned her detective badge? Learn about it all as she and the Gargoyles go after a serial killer on the loose!